EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 14-05
DETERMINATION OF A STATE OF DROUGHT EMERGENCY IN
GRANT, JOSEPHINE, AND WHEELER COUNTIES DUE TO DROUGHT
AND LOW WATER CONDITIONS

At the request of Grant County (Resolution 2014-08 dated April 2, 2014),
Josephine County (Resolution 2014-020 dated May 15, 2014), and Wheeler County
(Resolution 2014-3 dated March 5, 2014), and based on recommendations of the
Drought Council and Water Availability Committee, and pursuant to ORS 401.165
and ORS 536.740, I find the continuing dry conditions, low snowpack, and lack of
precipitation have caused natural and economic disaster conditions in Grant,
Josephine, and Wheeler Counties.

Projected forecasts are not expected to alleviate the severe drought conditions and
the drought is having significant economic impact on Grant, Josephine and
Wheeler Counties’ agricultural, livestock, and natural resources.

The dry conditions present hardships for these communities: crops and agricultural
and recreation investments are at risk; animals and plants that rely on Oregon’s
surface water supplies are threatened; and the risk of wildfires across the state is
greatly increased. Current conditions are being monitored and analyzed by state
agencies including the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Water
Resources, and Oregon Office of Emergency Management.

A timely response to the severe drought conditions is vital to the safety of persons
and property and economic security of the citizens and businesses of Grant,
Josephine, and Wheeler Counties; I am therefore declaring a state of drought
emergency in Grant, Josephine, and Wheeler Counties and directing the following
activities;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND DIRECTED:

I. The Oregon Department of Agriculture is directed to coordinate and
provide assistance in seeking federal resources available to mitigate conditions and
affect agricultural recovery in Grant, Josephine, and Wheeler Counties.

II. The Department of Water Resources is directed to coordinate and
provide assistance and regulation for Grant, Josephine, and Wheeler Counties as it
determines is necessary in accordance with ORS 536.700 to 536.780.

III. The Office of Emergency Management is directed to coordinate and
assist as needed with assessment and mitigation activities to address current and
projected conditions in Grant, Josephine, and Wheeler Counties.
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IV. All other departments are directed to coordinate with the above agencies and to provide appropriate state resources as determined essential to assist affected political subdivisions in Grant, Josephine, and Wheeler Counties.

V. This Executive Order expires on December 31, 2014.

Done a: Salem, Oregon this 27 day of May, 2014.

John A. Kitzhaber, M.D.
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Kate Brown
SECRETARY OF STATE